

REMARKS

Claims 23 - 39 are all the claims pending in the application, with claims 1-22 having been cancelled, and claims 23-39 having been submitted by the present amendment. Claims 23, 27, 30, and 35 are the only independent claims.

Newly submitted claims 23-39 are presented to claim disclosed embodiments more completely, and have not been submitted in response to any rejection or objection. No new matter has been added.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's acknowledgement of Applicant's claim for foreign priority, and that the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in the parent application.

Applicant further notes with appreciation that the IDS papers have been signed and acknowledged by the Examiner.

Pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action include various objections the specification. The foregoing amendments to the specification are believed responsive to the points raised by the Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of the stated objections is believed proper and is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 18, and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Papadopoulos et al. (5,602,836). Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Papadopoulos in view of Kobayashi et al. (5,719,859). The rejected claims have been cancelled by the present amendment rendering moot the rejection to these claims.

The newly submitted claims 22-39 have not been formally rejected by the Examiner. However, Applicant provides the following brief comments relating to the patentability of these new claims.

With regard to claims 23 and 27, Papadopoulos does not teach or suggest “a first field of the header portion to indicate presence of a time resource request.” With regard to claims 30 and 35, Papadopoulos does not teach or suggest “selectively assigning each of a plurality of parameters of an acknowledgment field of a control frame a value to indicate receiving status of one of a corresponding plurality of data frames.” See, for example, Fig. 6 of Papadopoulos. Dependent claims of the present application are also believed to be patentable at least by virtue of their dependence upon their respective independent claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicant submits that the present Amendment places all claims of the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California, telephone number (213) 623-2221 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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